



INDIANA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2006
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street, Room E012
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The conference call began at 9:10 AM with the official roll call by Deputy Director Cecelia Johnson-Powell. The Commission members participating in the conference call were:

Gloria Ballerini
Rick Bentley
Jack Brady
Phyllis Kincaid
Amy Mendoza

Martin Moore
James Perry
David Reingold
Finis Springer
Michele Sullivan

Also in attendance was Wesley Simms, representing Indiana Grantmakers Alliance, for Carol Simonetti. Those in attendance in the OFBCI Office were Rick Bentley, Martin Moore and Wesley Simms.

Commission Members who were not in attendance were provided the opportunity to vote via ballots sent at the conclusion of the meeting. A sample ballot is attached. Votes were tallied on February 20, and are submitted as part of the meeting minutes. Absentee ballots were received from Jack Brady (for specific motions), Harry Brown, Leslie Carroll, Jr., Elizabeth Heintz, and Belinda Munson. Please note that the phrase "Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members" includes votes cast through this method.

A review of the events that transpired at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on February 8, 2006 was given by David Reingold and Cecelia Johnson-Powell. Following a brief discussion, the Formula Operating Grants were individually presented to the Commission for voting.

Additional questions reference the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis'** grant were asked and clarified by Cecelia Johnson-Powell. Phyllis Kincaid made a motion to approve this grant, with a second by Michele Sullivan. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission voted and passed this grant, 15 – 0, in favor of the \$150,000 funding recommendation.

There was also discussion about sending this in for Competitive. Based on the discussion, this grant will not be sent in as Competitive. This is being done in order to give as much chance as possible for other proposals to be approved at the Competitive level.

Franklin College's grant was discussed and subsequently voted on. Martin Moore made a motion to approve this grant and was seconded by Finis Springer. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission voted and passed this grant, 15 – 0, in favor of the \$124,769 funding recommendation.

The **Habitat for Humanity of Indiana's** grant was discussed. Wesley Simms made a motion to approve this grant, with a second by Rick Bentley. Finis Springer recused herself from voting. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, this motion passed 14 – 0 – 1, in favor of funding Habitat for Humanity of Indiana \$300,000, instead of their requested amount of \$382,545.

Harmony Education Center's grant was discussed and subsequently voted on. A motion was made by Finis Springer, seconded by Wesley Simms, to approve this grant. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission voted and passed, 15 – 0, to fund this grant for \$150,000 instead of the requested amount of \$176,400.

Indiana State University's grant was discussed. A motion was made by Michele Sullivan and seconded by Amy Mendoza to approve this grant. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission voted and passed the grant, 15 – 0, to fund it for \$125,000 instead of the requested amount of \$127,249.

Additional questions and concerns were discussed reference the **Indianapolis Housing Agency's** grant request. The Commission voted to propose the grant as is, not considering the Staff's recommendation as a planning grant. A motion was made by Finis Springer and seconded by Martin Moore. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, this grant did not pass, with a vote of 1 – 13. This grant will be presented at the April 12, 2006 meeting as a planning grant in the amount of \$100,000.

Scott County Partnership's grant was discussed. Martin Moore made the motion to approve this grant, with a second by Wesley Simms. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission's vote was 15 – 0 in favor of approving this grant for \$150,000 instead of the requested amount of \$163,963.

Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County's grant was discussed. The Commission voted to propose the grant as is, not considering the Staff's recommendation as a planning grant. A motion was made by Martin Moore and seconded by Michele Sullivan. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the grant did not pass, with a vote of 0 – 14 – 1. Elizabeth Heintz abstained. The grant will be presented at the April 12, 2006 meeting as a planning grant in the amount of \$150,000.

The following Operating Grant applications were discussed: **Career Choices, City of Hammond, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, and the United Way of Porter County.** The motion was made by Michele Sullivan to accept the recommendation of the Staff and not approve these grants. This motion was seconded by Wesley Simms. Based on the conference call and subsequent faxes received from absent Commission members, the Commission's vote was 13 – 1 - 1. Harry Brown recused.

Motion to adjourn the conference call was made by Jim Perry and seconded by Phyllis Kincaid at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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